



Drayton Valley Thunder

Staff 2013-2014



Head Coach and General Manager: Mike Mueller



Coach Mueller is entering his first season as the Head Coach and General Manager of the Drayton Valley Thunder. Mike has an incredible background of hockey and knowledge both as a coach and player that has taken him overseas and across North America.

Mike is a driven person, who strives for success and with his knowledge of the game, should be able to bring a winning team to the Drayton Valley community once again.

Associate Coach/Assistant General Manager: Michael George



The Drayton Valley Thunder are proud to announce the hiring of Michael George as their Associate Coach and Assistant General Manager. Michael has been the Assistant Coach for the Flin Flon Bombers of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League for the past three seasons.

Prior to coaching, Michael played three seasons in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League with the Battleford Stars from 2003-2006. An elite player, Michael was a two time first team all star and league MVP runner up. Michael received a Division 1 scholarship to Lake Superior State after his career with the Stars concluded. Later, he went on to play professionally with the Columbus Cottonmouths of the Southern Professional Hockey League and attended the training camp of the Syracuse Crunch of the American Hockey League. Upon completion of his playing career, Michael decided

to continue his passion for hockey and pursue a position in coaching. In addition to his outstanding hockey resume, Michael is also a professional trainer, which adds to the development of our players both on and off the ice.

Michael and his wife Beverly, daughter Layla and son Jager will be relocating to Drayton Valley in the coming weeks. Michael's initiation to the Thunder will start when he joins Coach Mueller for our summer camp in July. The Drayton Valley Thunder would like to welcome Michael and his family to the organization and to the community of Drayton Valley. The Thunder are very excited to have him start this season behind the bench!

Assistant Coach: Jack Redlick



Jack comes to the Drayton Valley Thunder as our second assistant coach. Jack's hockey experience has taken him to the highest levels of hockey, including playing in the AJHL. Jack currently is a police officer for the Edmonton Police Department and makes the trek out to Drayton Valley for games and practices.

Jack's playing days included stops in the Western Hockey League (WHL), Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) and then into the professional ranks, playing across North America for several teams. Jack has substantial amount of hockey knowledge required for this level and can help guide our young players to get to the next level.

Jack resides on an acreage just outside of Edmonton with his wife and two kids and looks forward to the challenge of coaching and helping Coach Mueller and the Drayton

Valley Thunder.

Trainer/ Equipment Manager: Damon Pugerude



Damon is going into his second season with the Thunder. Damon is a certified trainer with certificates from NAIT. During the off season he was a trainer at the Alberta Cup and selected to be the Equipment Manager for U-16 Team Alberta. Over the past few seasons Damon has contributed his time with numerous Hockey Alberta events, among other. The Thunder is very pleased to have his services for the upcoming season

Director of Sales/Marketing/Community Relations - Ryan Plysuik



I am honored and grateful to be starting my career with the Thunder this season. Though I reside in Calgary, I will be making the trek North to join the Thunder community. I just recently graduated from Mount Royal University with a Bachelors degree in Business majoring in Sports and Recreation. For the past 4 years I have worked in the ticketing/customer service department of the Calgary Flames/Hitmen and have gained a lot of knowledge I hope to bring to the Thunder. I also had an internship with the Moose Jaw Warriors of the WHL working in their Marketing/Promotions department. I am passionate about the game of hockey, being a player and coach in my younger years.

Every Thunder fan is an essential part to this organization, whether a Season Ticket Holder or a child with big dreams. With your continued support the Thunder have the making to be one of the best organizations in the league. The 2013-14 season has a lot of promise with our younger players maturing into great Junior players, and fans showing their pride in many ways than one.

There are many ways you can get involved with the Thunder, whether it be security, ticket takers, sponsors or ticket holders! Please feel free to contact me on how you can help to support the Thunder!

Thunder Educational Consultant: Brian Madill



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All questions regarding hockey and education will be forwarded to our consultant Brian Madill.

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